THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A process of review of the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) has been initiated based on the experience and suggestions received from the State Governments. The review proposes the rationalisation of premia rates, limiting the sum insured, continuing 50% premia subsidy to small and marginal farmers, maintenance of State-wise Corpus Fund etc.

(c) Besides the crop insurance, the following programmes are implemented for increasing the production and productivity of crops which in turn would improve the condition of farmers:—

(i) Integrated Development Programme on rice, wheat, cotton, coarse cereals.

(ii) Technology Mission on Oilseeds and Pulses.

(iii) Watershed Development Programme.

(iv) Balanced and integrated use of fertilizers.

(v) Technology Mission for Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern India.

(vi) Making available quality/hybrid seeds.

(vii) Macro Management Scheme.

(viii) Strengthening of extension services.

Conversion of Agricultural Land

611. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to stop large scale agricultural land reclamation for industrial and urban use;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of conversion of such lands during the last ten years; and

(d) whether Government would ban such conversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A 19-point National Land-use Policy Outline (NLPO) has been circulated to all State Governments for implementation. One of the points in NLPO stresses on need to control the diversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purpose.

(c) and (d) Land is a State subject and, therefore, necessary steps for banning the conversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes are to be taken by respective States.

Schemes for development of fisheries and aquaculture

612. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Centrally sponsored schemes for development of fisheries and aquaculture;

(b) the funds allotted to each State/Union Territory for these schemes during 2000-2001; and

(c) the details of funds utilised by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The following Centrally sponsored schemes, *viz.* Development of Marine Fisheries—Motorisation of Traditional Crafts & Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on HSD Oil; Development of Freshwater Aquaculture; Integrated Coastal Aquaculture; National Welfare of Fishermen; and Fishing Harbour at Major and Minor ports are being implemented for development of fisheries and aquaculture.

(b) and (c) The details of funds made available to each State/UT for these schemes during 2000-2001 and funds utilised by them are given in the Statement.